

(Purpose: To provide the Director of the National Institutes of Health with the authority to carry out the NIH Roadmap to provide for rapid advances in the biomedical research process)

On page 61, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. _____. (a) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Director of the National Institutes of Health may use funds available under section 402(i) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 282(i)) to enter into transactions (other than contracts, cooperative agreements, or grants) to carry out research in support of the NIH Roadmap Initiative of the Director.

(b) PEER REVIEW.—In entering into transactions under subsection (a), the Director of the National Institutes of Health may utilize such peer review procedures (including consultation with appropriate scientific experts) as the Director determines to be appropriate to obtain assessments of scientific and technical merit. Such procedures shall apply to such transactions in lieu of the peer review and advisory council review procedures that would otherwise be required under sections 301(a)(3), 405(b)(1)(B), 405(b)(2), 406(a)(3)(A), 492, and 494 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241, 284(b)(1)(B), 284(b)(2), 284a(a)(3)(A), 289a, and 289c).

UNANIMOUS CONSENT—S.J. Res. 17

Mr. FRIST. I ask consent that the debate time allocated for the consideration of S.J. Res. 17 be delayed to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15, with all other provisions remaining in effect.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. For the information of all Senators, this consent will now move the debate and vote in relation to the FCC rule resolution from Monday evening to Tuesday evening. With this consent granted, there will be no votes on Monday. The next vote will occur Tuesday morning.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER A. WRAY, OF GEORGIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar No. 309, the nomination of Christopher A. Wray.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. I further ask unanimous consent the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination considered and agreed to is as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2003

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 1 p.m. Monday, September 15. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that there then be a period of morning business until 2:30 p.m. with Senators to speak for up to 10 minutes.

Further, I ask that at 2:30 the Senate then resume consideration of calendar No. 218, H.R. 2754, the energy and water appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. For the information of all Senators, on Monday the Senate will resume debate on the energy and water appropriations bill. Senators FEINSTEIN and KENNEDY will have an amendment to that legislation which will be debated during Monday's session.

As announced earlier, any votes ordered on Monday will be delayed until Tuesday.

In addition, on Monday, under a previous understanding, the Senate will debate a motion to go to conference on the partial-birth abortion bill. Also, as previously ordered, the FCC rule resolution will be debated and voted on Tuesday morning.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 1 P.M. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2003

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:56 p.m., adjourned until Monday, September 15, at 1 p.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate September 11, 2003:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CHRISTOPHER A. WRAY, OF GEORGIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.